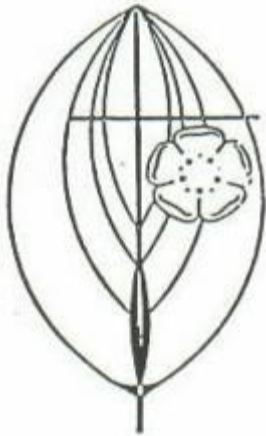

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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Get Ready!

It's almost time... for Reformation Day, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving. Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are around the corner and will all happen before the next issue of this newsletter. There's so much to remember, to prepare for, and to celebrate!

I hope you've been able to participate in some of the Reformation anniversary events happening in the area, from the Stone Lectures on Luther's *95 Theses* at Princeton Seminary (now available online at av.ptsem.edu), to the Reformation seminar and hymnfest at Princeton University, to our annual joint Reformation service with Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ewing, to an upcoming visit to the Lutheran Reformation exhibit at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City. More information about these events is published elsewhere in this issue, in the Sept/Oct issue of the newsletter, and in Sunday bulletins. If the Reformation seems to be getting a lot of attention this year, that's because this month is the beginning of the 500th year since Martin Luther published his *95 Theses* in Wittenberg. So yes, it's a big deal and we're privileged to participate!



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The symbol in the upper left corner expresses by means of candle and messianic rose the worship of the Messiah and the Truth of Christ. The cross signifies His central deed and the five crosses in the rose the sacred wounds.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

Also new this year is that we won't have a weekday Thanksgiving service at Messiah. In the past, the service has been on Wednesday evening of Thanksgiving week, and sparsely attended. This year, we will integrate Thanksgiving themes into our Christ the King service on Sunday, November 20, and publish information about other weekday Thanksgiving services in the vicinity (see p. 6).

We also look forward to becoming better stewards of money, energy, and natural resources following the renovation of electrical fixtures in the church building, from lighting to HVAC equipment. A project timeline has not yet been set, but we expect to have the work done in the next few months.

Finally, we look forward to the imminent launch of our new church website. Messiah's current website was designed in 2008 and it's time for an update. Thank you to Publicity Committee members Trish Oelrich, Debbie Baer, and Miranda Hempel for their work on that project and on Messiah's new Facebook page, featured in the Sept/Oct 2016 newsletter: www.facebook.com/MessiahChurchPrinceton . Special thanks for his generous donation of time and expertise in creating the new website goes to Gary Cooper of Web20 Promotions (web20promotions.com).

As we enter the coming seasons of commemoration, preparation, and celebration, we give thanks to God for his steadfast love and continuing care for us. I am glad to be part of God's work in and through Messiah and look forward to what He has in store for us in the coming year.

Grateful for your partnership in the gospel,

Pastor Erhardt

Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.
<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

September 11, 2016



Rachel Tabris, Skye Jerpbak, and Miranda Hempel were installed on Sunday, Sept 11 for the 2016-2017 year.



Thank you for serving our congregation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov 6, 4:00pm

Joint Reformation Service at Bethany, Ewing

Tuesday, Nov 8, 6:30pm

LCM Dinner Discussion

Saturday, Nov 12, 9:00am

Church Work Day

Thursday, Nov 17, 7pm

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Saturday, Nov 19, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

Sunday, Dec 4, 12:15pm

Voter's Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 6, 6:30pm

LCM Dinner Discussion

Thursday, Dec 15, 7pm

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Saturday, Dec 17, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

Friday, Dec 24, 8:00pm

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Joint Reformation Service Sunday, November 6, 4:00pm

Joint Reformation Festival Service of Holy Communion, Sunday, Nov. 6, at 4:00pm
Bethany Lutheran Church, 1125 Parkside Ave, in Ewing. A potluck will follow the service—please bring a dish to share.

Fall Work Day

Saturday, Nov 12

9:00am– 12:30pm

Come when you can and leave when you must. We'll have plenty of work to go around for people of all ages and abilities. Gardening volunteers, please bring gloves and tools. It's fun, lunch is provided, and your help is greatly appreciated!

All Hands on Deck!



Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:00am
In the parish building lounge.
All are welcome!



Topics for the remainder of 2016:

Oct. 16 – Nov. 20: Growing into Salvation: A Study of 1 Peter

Nov. 27 – Dec. 18: Recognizing Scripture in Advent Hymns

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Fall 2016 Lutheran Campus Ministry Monthly Dinner Discussions

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Are We Good People? Part 1: There's Bad in the Best of Us
Tuesday, Dec. 6: Are We Good People? Part 2: Hope for a Fallen World

All discussions are scheduled for 6:30 – 8:00 PM in Room 103 of Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton University. After 5:00 PM on weekdays, free parking is available in the university lot on William St., between Washington Rd. and Charlton St. All are welcome! Please join us and invite friends.



Christmas at Messiah

Family and friends are welcome to join us:

Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec 24, 8:00pm

Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec 25, 10:30am

Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be no Thanksgiving service at Messiah this year, but here are some Thanksgiving celebrations happening in the local community:

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church: Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm. Address: 1125 Parkside Avenue Ewing, NJ 08618

St. Peter Lutheran Church: Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:30pm. Address: 1608 Harbourton Rocktown Rd, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Princeton University Chapel: Thanksgiving community worship service on Thursday, November 24th, 11:00am.

Parish building and fellowship hall available for weekday rental

We are looking for a new weekday tenant for the parish building and the fellowship hall. The available space, which includes five offices, classroom/conference space, and a reception lounge, has been leased in the past by small schools and a counseling center, and would also be well-suited to use by a small business. Rental income is a major portion of our annual budget and therefore has a significant impact on Messiah's ministry. If you know of someone who may want to lease any or all of this space, please spread the word and have them contact Miranda Hempel at 609-865-0120 or mirandahempel@gmail.com.

Protect Messiah from the flu!

Get your seasonal flu shot now, available at most pharmacies. In addition to protecting you, vaccines protect vulnerable people around you for whom infection could cause serious illness. The cost of the shot is covered by most health insurance plans. If you're paying out of pocket, the Costco and Sam's Club pharmacies both offer the basic version of the shot for less than \$20, and their pharmacies are open to non-members.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: STEWART STROEBEL

Have you ever wanted to get to know the students in our congregation a little better? Good news! We are introducing the Student Spotlight into the Messiah Messenger. The first student to be featured is Stewart Stroebel, a sophomore at Princeton University. Thank you, Stewart, for helping us get to know you a little better!



Where are you from?

I'm from Cedarburg, Wisconsin, a small town just north of Milwaukee.

What are you studying and how did you choose it?

I've always been interested in business and finance, and especially the STEM aspects of those fields. That's why I am studying Operations Research and Financial Engineering; it offers a good blend of both finance and engineering.

What do you like to do for fun? Do you have any hobbies?

I love sports, both as a player and as a spectator. I play with the Princeton club basketball team, and my favorite sports teams are the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Bucks. I also enjoy hunting and fishing, and spend a lot of time doing both back in Wisconsin.

What is your favorite place to eat in Princeton?

The Halo Pub

What is one of your favorite books and why?

My favorite elementary school teacher introduced me to the Chronicles of Narnia books in third grade, and I've read the whole series two times through.



What holiday tradition do you like the best?

Christmas is my favorite holiday, and my favorite tradition is decorating the tree. My whole family comes home for the holidays, and we always put aside a night to decorate the tree and watch a Christmas movie.

How did you start attending the Lutheran Church of the Messiah?

Two of my older siblings (Spencer and Maggie) attended Messiah while at Princeton, so I was kind of familiar with it even before I came for school. It also is the same denomination as my church in Wisconsin, and the proximity to campus makes it easy to make time for worship without worrying about the time commitments or rides to and from church.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE



Pictured here is Becky DeVito, friend of Debbie Baer, who loves her prayer shawl. She is going for daily cancer treatments and she brings her beautiful purple shawl with her everywhere she goes. She finds great comfort in knowing the love, faith and thoughtfulness that went into it's creation. She sends a huge thank you to the women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry!



Here Becky is pictured with her new fiancée. She was engaged on September 7, 2016!

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



A group of church members toured the BAPS Hindu temple in Robbinsville in August. We watched a brief video about the hand carving and construction of the mandir, then we took a guided tour and participated in Q&A. It was a beautiful day and tour, and a good opportunity to learn what some of our Hindu neighbors believe.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Can you name the people pictured in this photo?

What year was it taken?



Photo courtesy of Messiah archives

Why We Treat Our Pastor Well





UPCOMING READINGS IN NOVEMBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
All Saints Nov. 6, 2016	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalms 34:1-10, 22	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Nov. 13, 2016	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12	2 Thess. 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Christ the King Nov. 20, 2016	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
First Sunday of Advent Nov. 27, 2016	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



UPCOMING READINGS IN DECEMBER

ADVENT YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Second Sunday of Advent Dec. 4, 2016	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 11, 2016	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 18, 2016	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Nativity of Our Lord Dec. 24, 2016	Isaiah 9:2-7		Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
Nativity of Our Lord Dec. 25, 2016	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 98	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-14

Readings are from the
Revised Common
Lectionary, available at
library.vanderbilt.edu



UPCOMING READINGS IN JANUARY

EPIPHANY YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
First Sunday after Christmas Day January 1, 2017	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalms 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
First Sunday after the Epiphany January 8, 2017	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalms 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2017	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalms 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalms 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2017	Micah 6:1-8	Psalms 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arm In Arm: Reserve today for our Fall Benefit on November 3rd!



**Thursday, November 3
Frick Laboratory, Princeton
University**

6:00 pm cocktail and hors
d'oeuvres reception

7:00 pm keynote address
Billy Shore, Co-founder and Executive
Director Share Our Strength/No Kid
Hungry, national hunger awareness
organization

arminarm.org/2016/09/22/fall-benefit/



Help hungry families set the table

Donate Thanksgiving side dish items to Arm In Arm!

Help Arm In Arm, formerly the Crisis Ministry, fill the trimmings bags our clients receive with their turkeys during our Thanksgiving giveaway.

We have particular need for:

- Stuffing mix
- Gravy
- Canned vegetables
- Dried herbs & spices (e.g. sage, pumpkin pie spice)
- **No cranberry sauce, please**
We receive several pallets from the food bank

Please remember to check the expiration date on all donations.

*Thank you for helping neighbors in need this
Thanksgiving!*

Want to help even more?

Volunteer to help pack and distribute our Thanksgiving trimmings bags!

Contact Becca Jensen Compton for more information.

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November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:15pm Catechism 7:30pm Choir	3	4	5
6 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion 4:00 Reformation Service at Bethany	7	8 6:30pm LCM Dinner Discussion	9 7:15pm Catechism 7:30pm Choir	10	11	12 9am Fall Work Day
13 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	14	15 7pm Executive Board Meeting	16 7:15pm Catechism 7:30pm Choir	17 7pm Prayer Shawl	18	19 9am Men's Forum
20 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	21	22 7:30pm Choir	23 (No Thanksgiving Service)	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	28	29	30 7:15pm Catechism 7:30pm Choir			



December 2016

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25 10:30am Holy Communion	26	27	28	29	30	31



January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Holy Communion	2	3	4 7:30pm Choir	5	6	7
8 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	9	10	11 7:30pm Choir	12	13	14
15 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	16	17	18 7:30pm Choir	19 7pm Prayer Shawl	20 6pm International Friendship Dinner	21
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